



HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1962



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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
and  
HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
STAFF AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1962

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Medical Officer of Health

J.A. THEOBALD, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Univ. London) Commenced 1 April 1962.

Chief Public Health Inspector

A.G. UNDERWOOD, CERT.S.I.B., F.A.P.H.I., MEAT AND FOOD CERT., CERT. NAT. INST. BUILDERS.

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L. ROWLAND, A.R.I.P.H.H., A.I.Hsg., A.R.S.H.

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D. ALLEN

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Part-time Medical Officer of Health. Commenced 13 June 1962





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HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,  
Bath Road,  
Swindon, Wilts.

To the Chairman and Members of the Highworth Rural  
District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the District for 1962. Part of this Report covers a period prior to my appointment and I thank Dr. Adams for information regarding the first quarter of the year.

This has been an eventful year in the field of public health, the most notable subjects are perhaps smallpox, smoking and fluoridation of water supplies.

It may be seen from the statistics in the following pages that the general health of this District compares favourably with the rest of the country, and that during the year no serious hazard to health was found, specific to this area.

Mr. Underwood's report shows the maintenance of a very high standard of environmental health and hygiene. His report is only an indication of the enormous amount of work done by this section of the Public Health Staff.

I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and Mr. Underwood for the vast amount of help he has given me during the year. I should also like to thank the individual Public Health Inspectors, other Officers of the Council and the County Council Health Visitors for the District for their co-operation and help.

JOHN A. THEOBALD

Medical Officer of Health



## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	.....	48,549 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate) at June 1962	.....	28,330
Number of inhabited dwellings as at 31.12.62	.....	8,622
Rateable Value at 1.12.62	.....	£433,817
Sum represented by penny rate as at 1.4.62	.....	£1,650

## VITAL STATISTICS.

### Birth and Death Rates Compared with Other Areas (Births and Deaths per 1,000 Population)

	<u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>	<u>Corrected Death Rate</u>
Highworth Rural District.....	21.59	11.63
England and Wales .....	18.0	11.9
Wiltshire .....	19.57	10.82

In calculating Birth and Death Rates, area comparability factors are issued by the Registrar General to "correct" irregularities in the age and sex structure of the population, and also to take into account any high mortality due to the presence of residential institutions.

TABLE I

### Births and Infantile Deaths during 1962

	<u>Legitimate</u>		<u>Illegitimate</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Live Births .....	295	309	11	9	624
Still Births .....	6	9	0	0	15
Deaths under one year	7	4	0	0	11
Deaths under four weeks	5	4	0	0	9
Deaths under one week	4	3	0	0	7

### Infantile Mortality

The infantile mortality rate is the number of deaths in infants under one year of age per 1,000 registered live births. There were 11 deaths among infants under one year of age to 624 live births in the area.

This is too small a figure to calculate an accurate infantile mortality rate, but it compares very favourably with the National rate of 20.7 deaths in infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births, and the Wiltshire rate of 20.67

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The following infectious diseases were notified during the year :-

Measles	.....	.....	16
Dysentery	.....	.....	5
Scarlet Fever	.....	.....	11
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	.....	.....	6
Acute Pneumonia	.....	.....	6
Meningococcal Infection.	.....	.....	4
Erysipelas	.....	.....	3
Whooping Cough	.....	.....	5
Tuberculosis (other)	.....	.....	7
Puerperal Pyrexia	.....	.....	2

No cases of the following diseases were notified :-

Poliomyelitis  
Diphtheria  
Smallpox  
Encephalitis  
Enteric or Typhoid Fever  
Para-typhoid fevers  
Food Poisoning  
Ophthalmia neonatorum

### Measles

This year was not a measles year as can be seen by the comparison of the 16 cases notified this year, and 523 notified in 1961.

### Dysentery

Five cases were notified, three of these were members of the forces being treated at the R.A.F. Hospital at Wroughton.

In addition to these, three members of a family in Stratton suffered from Sonne Dysentery but were never notified.

### Tuberculosis.

Six cases of respiratory tuberculosis and seven cases of tuberculosis in other sites were notified. Mass x-ray continues to play its part in detecting early unknown cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and milk pasteurisation combined with TT herds of cattle ensures that milk is not a source of infection as it used to be.

### Poliomyelitis

Once again no case of poliomyelitis was notified which is further proof of the effectiveness of the immunisation campaign of the County Council.

TABLE II

Completed Poliomyelitis Immunisations during 1962 in this District (Carried out by Wilts C.C.)

Persons Born	2 inj.	3 inj.	4 inj.	3 oral	3 oral after 2 inj.	4 oral
1943 - 1961	146	493	62	386	93	395
1933 - 1942	31	89	-	35	15	-
in 1962	5	1	-	27	1	-
Others	65	288	3	69	48	4
Totals	247	871	65	517	157	363

During 1962 the new Sabin oral vaccine came into wide use in the country and since this does not involve an injection the acceptance rate is high.

However, there are still very many people who have not yet been immunised against polio and these people are a danger not only to themselves but to others to whom they could spread the disease. Even in the comparative absence of cases we must not become complacent about the level of immunity against poliomyelitis.

### Diphtheria

No diphtheria case was notified in this district during the year and the same comments apply to diphtheria immunisation as apply to poliomyelitis immunisation. 19 cases of diphtheria occurred in England and Wales affording evidence that we must be on our guard against this disease. Any fall in the level of immunisation of the population could lead to outbreaks.

TABLE III

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Immunisation during 1962 in this District

Year of Birth	Primary imms completed during 1962			Reinf. inj.s. administered during 1962		
	Diph.	Wh/C	Tet.	Diph.	Wh/c	Tet.
1962	171	171	171	-	-	-
1961	223	222	223	38	34	38
1960	14	12	15	87	53	87
1959	7	6	11	12	5	15
1958	2	2	6	29	8	23
1953-57	83	2	151	290	19	221
1948-52	3	-	17	17	-	20

### Smallpox

During 1962 the following number of persons were vaccinated in this area :-

TABLE IV

Smallpox vaccination in this District in 1961 and 1962

Age Group	Vaccinations		Re- vaccinations	
	1961	1962	1961	1962
Under 1	216	268	-	-
1	32	79	3	-
2 - 4	15	161	3	45
5 - 14	14	476	7	359
15 or over	19	456	38	1053
TOTAL:-	296	1440	51	1457

N.B. The information contained in Tables II, III and IV is supplied by the Health Department of the Wiltshire County Council



Many of these were doubtless as a result of the smallpox outbreak which occurred during the year, and this is illustrated by comparison of the number vaccinated during 1961 when there was no smallpox scare, and 1962. Although we had no case of smallpox in the area, much time was taken up during the outbreak searching for contacts and checking on their immunisation state.

Vaccination was offered to certain employees of factories in the District who would be travelling to the affected areas. Some advantage was taken of that offer.

### Food Poisoning

Although no case of food poisoning was notified, undoubtedly many people in the district had "upset tummies" as a result of eating. Most cases did not warrant treatment by a Doctor, and therefore were not recognised as being due to food, but the presence of such tummy upsets is a constant reminder of the need for care and hygiene when handling food, especially in these days when communal catering is so popular and refrigerators, although valuable if used properly, are a danger if used improperly.

### THE CARE OF AGED PERSONS

It was not necessary during the year to use Section 47 of the National Assistance Act.

The Council is to be congratulated for its policy of provision of accommodation for aged persons, and the use of this accommodation combined with County Welfare and Home Help Services has undoubtedly helped many old folk who otherwise would have needed compulsory care.

During the year an Old Peoples Welfare Committee was formed at Stratton St. Margaret, and it is hoped that this will be another valuable link between this Council and old people in need of help.

### SMOKING AND HEALTH

Early in 1962 a report of the Royal College of Physicians of London on Smoking and Health was published, which said -

"The most reasonable conclusions from all the evidence on the association between smoking and disease are: that cigarette smoking is the most likely cause of the recent world-wide increase in deaths from lung cancer, the death rate from which is at present higher in Britain than in any other country in the world; that it is an important predisposing cause of the development of chronic bronchitis in the absence of which, morbidity and mortality from this common disease would be substantially reduced."

This was very quickly accepted and supported by the Government, and as a result of this report some changes took place.

Television advertising of cigarettes was placed in adult viewing hours, the nature of TV advertising changed, and tobacco companies arranged that slot machines selling cigarettes were not easily available to children. During this period sales of filter-tip cigarettes rose from one third to one half of all cigarettes sold, but at the end of the year it is interesting to note that in spite of propaganda there was actually a small rise of tobacco consumption.

#### TABLE V

Deaths in England and Wales from Lung Cancer (Registrar General's figures) for 1960 - 1962

1960	....	22,000
1961	....	23,810
1962	....	23,779

Our own Health Education campaign in this field began in July and continued through the rest of the year, and consisted of the distribution of posters throughout the district, especially to factories and youth organisations. At the same time the County Council sent me into the schools in the district to give talks.

There should be no doubt in anybody's mind now that smoking is a main cause of lung cancer and many other chest diseases, but before we are able to convince children they should not smoke, Doctors, Teachers and parents must stop smoking entirely themselves. It is unfortunate that, although everyone agrees that smoking is harmful, they only feel that it is the others who should stop.

#### FLUORIDATION

Towards the end of the year a report on the fluoridation studies in this country was published. This was a detailed report complicated by the red herrings thrown across the path by the National Pure Water Association. As a direct result of this report the Council resolved that the Swindon Corporation be requested to arrange for the fluoridation of the Council's water supply up to a concentration of 1 part per million.

#### HEALTH EDUCATION

During the year the Department has attempted to educate the public in health matters both by means of formal talks and by personal contact. Talks were given to school children and other groups of young people, and also to some extent to their parents. Posters and literature on various subjects were distributed throughout the district in a variety of ways.

Better health can be achieved now mainly by the voluntary efforts of the public themselves. Health education is the only way in which the Public can get correct information to enable them to make the proper decisions for the better health of themselves and their children.



# CAUSES OF DEATH IN HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL DURING 1962

Classified under the 36 headings based on the Abbreviated International List 1955.

<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
All causes	171	152
Cancer - stomach	3	4
Cancer - lung and bronchus	11	0
Cancer - breast	0	5
Cancer - uterus	-	4
Cancer - other	13	22
Lukaemia	1	0
Diabetes	3	1
Stroke	21	13
Coronary heart disease	30	17
High blood pressure	4	2
Other heart disease	28	38
Other circulatory disease...	2	6
Influenza	0	1
Pneumonia	8	9
Bronchitis	12	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
Congenital malformation	0	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	19	21
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1
Suicide	2	0
All other accidents	3	1

The following diseases caused no deaths in residents of the District :-

Tuberculosis	Syphilis
Diphtheria	Whooping Cough
Meningococcal infection	Poliomyelitis
Measles	Other infective parasitic diseases
Nephritis and Nephrosis	Pregnancy, Childbirth
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	abortion

## CANCER

Of the 323 deaths in the District, Cancer caused 62 (19%) of these 11 (18%) were due to Lung Cancer.

## LUKAEMIA

Although only one resident of the District died of lukaemia there were in all 5 deaths within the District whose ages were 66, 78, 79, 40 and 64. This is interesting since lukaemia is popularly believed to be a disease confined to children. The latest figures from the Registrar General (1961) show in fact that only 13% of the lukaemia deaths in England and Wales are under 15 years of age.

## ACCIDENTS

Accidents caused 8 deaths. Half of these were motor vehicle accidents. It must be remembered that with a little thought the majority of accidents need never occur.

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
AND HOUSING OFFICER  
for the year 1962

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HIGHWORTH RURAL  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my 18th Annual Report on the administration of the district with regard to the environmental hygiene and housing.

The continued increase in the number of new houses being erected and the consequent increase in population continues to cause a pressure of work which can only be met by a willing staff and a fine team spirit, and I am pleased to report to the Council that this is the attitude of all members of the Public Health Department without exception. This makes my duties far easier.

I would also like to tender my sincere appreciation of the help and co-operation always readily given by the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J.A. Theobald, with whom it is a pleasure to work, and also to all the other Chief Officers and their Staffs for their continued support, assistance and loyalty.

My grateful thanks are also due to you Mr. Chairman, and the Chairmen and Members of the Committees for their help and interest in all matters which affect my duties. A well informed Council is of great assistance in the day to day working of not only the Committees of the Council but to the Departments under its jurisdiction.

I would be failing in my duties if I did not refer to the sterling work carried out during the year by all the outside workers on the Cleansing staff, who very often in most trying conditions carry out an extremely difficult job without serious complaint or grumble.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A.G. UNDERWOOD

Chief Public Health Inspector  
and Housing Officer



NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS  
CARRIED OUT DURING 1962

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Complaints general	.....	.....	.....	50	
Revisits	.....	.....	.....	76	
Infectious disease enquiries	.....	.....	.....	10	
Faeces samples	.....	.....	.....	26	
Visits to Pathological Laboratory	.....	.....	.....	24	
Drainage inspections	.....	.....	.....	99	
Revisits	.....	.....	.....	27	
Public Conveniences	.....	.....	.....	26	
Refuse Collection	.....	.....	.....	346	
Refuse Disposal	.....	.....	.....	210	
Water supplies	.....	.....	.....	47	
Water sampling	.....	.....	.....	65	
Streams and Watercourses	.....	.....	.....	17	
Keeping of animals	.....	.....	.....	12	
Disinfestation	.....	.....	.....	31	
Rodent control	.....	.....	.....	152	
Offensive Trades	.....	.....	.....	3	
Smoke observations	.....	.....	.....	4	
Moveable Dwellings	.....	.....	.....	99	
Knackers yard	.....	.....	.....	35	1359

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Meat Inspection	.....	.....	.....	805	
Bakehouses	.....	.....	.....	36	
Butchers shops	.....	.....	.....	21	
Cafes and Restaurants...	.....	.....	.....	10	
Wet and Fried Fish Shops	.....	.....	.....	8	
General provisions	.....	.....	.....	76	
Works canteens, hostels and school meals depot	.....	.....	.....	36	
Licensed premises	.....	.....	.....	109	
Delivery vehicles	.....	.....	.....	7	
Other food premises	.....	.....	.....	22	
Food Manufacturing premises	.....	.....	.....	5	
Ice-cream samples	.....	.....	.....	24	
Ice-cream storage and sale	.....	.....	.....	6	1165

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk samples	.....	.....	.....	317	
Milk suppliers	.....	.....	.....	36	353

FACTORIES ACT

Factories inspection....	.....	.....	.....	108	
Revisits	.....	.....	.....	16	
Outworkers....	.....	.....	.....	70	194

HOUSING ACTS

Housing inspections, Section 16	.....	.....	.....	31	
Revisits to above	.....	.....	.....	31	
Housing survey	.....	.....	.....	725	
Miscellaneous housing visits	.....	.....	.....	306	
Improvement Grants	.....	.....	.....	899	
Visits to Council houses	.....	.....	.....	723	2715

MISCELLANEOUS

Shops, other than food premises	.....	.....	.....	62	
Storage of petroleum	.....	.....	.....	120	
Rag Flock Act	.....	.....	.....	1	
Interviews and appointments	.....	.....	.....	600	
Miscellaneous public health visits	.....	.....	.....	74	
Visits to aged persons	.....	.....	.....	49	
Waste Foods Order	.....	.....	.....	9	
National Assistance Act	.....	.....	.....	4	919

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## SECTION ONE:

### WATER SUPPLIES

As from the 1 April 1962 the Council's Water Undertaking which previously supplied all the parishes in the Rural District, with the exception of Haydon Wick, Stratton St. Margaret, and part of Wroughton, which were previously supplied by the Borough of Swindon, and the parish of Castle Eaton which was supplied by the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Rural District Council, was transferred to the Borough of Swindon under the Swindon Water Order 1962. As from the 1 April 1962 the Swindon Water Undertaking became responsible for all matters concerned with the supply of water, the laying and maintenance of mains, and the servicing of other equipment previously undertaken by this Council.

However, this Council are still responsible for ensuring that a sufficient and wholesome supply of water is available in the various parishes in the Rural District.

During the year 1962, the water supply of the area, and of its several parts, has been satisfactory, both in quantity and quality. The water supply in this area is not liable to plumbo-solvent action and no precautions or action has been necessary under this heading.

It has not been necessary to take any action in respect of contamination in the Council's mains supplies.

The results of bacteriological and chemical examinations of both public and private supplies is referred to in the following pages, and the number of dwellinghouses and the number of the population supplied from public water mains and also private supplies a) direct to the house and b) by means of standpipes, is also referred to in the following pages.



PARISH	POPUL- ATION.	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSES	SOURCE OF SUPPLY	ON PIPED WATER INDOORS	% PIPED INDOORS	OUT- DOOR TAPS	% OUT- DOOR TAPS	ON WELLS ETC.	% WELLS
Bishopstone	611	191	Lammy Down - Church Commis. Ogbourne - Swindon Corp. (Hinton Supply)	189	98.9	2	1.1	-	-
Blunsdon	1,538	402	Latton - Swindon Corp.	396	98.6	-	-	6	1.4
Castle Eaton	237	75	Ashton Keynes - Swindon Corp.	70	93.4	3	4	2	2.6
Chiseldon	2,280	664	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp. Burderop Estate Reservoir - Burderop Estates	655	98.6	3	0.46	6	0.94
Hannington	224	70	Latton - Swindon Corp.	68	97.2	-	-	2	2.8
Haydon Wick	563	175	Latton - Swindon Corp.	169	96.7	4	2.2	2	1.1
Highworth	3,942	1,231	Latton - Swindon Corp.	1,226	99.5	-	-	5	0.5
Inglesham	138	43	Latton - Swindon Corp.	42	97.6	-	-	1	2.4
Liddington	416	129	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	127	98.4	1	0.7	1	0.9
South Marston	534	166	Latton - Swindon Corp.	158	95.1	-	-	8	4.9
Stanton Fitzwarren	218	68	Latton - Swindon Corp.	68	100	-	-	=	-
Stratton St. Marg.	12,724	3,762	Latton - Swindon Corp.	3,762	100	-	-	-	-
Wanborough	1,056	325	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp. Foxhill - Foxhill Estates	319	98.2	2	0.6	4	1.2
Wroughton	4,480	1,321	Ogbourne - Swindon Corp.	1,315	99.5	4	0.3	2	0.2
	28,961	8,622		8,564	99.32	19	0.22	39	0.46

DETAILS OF ALL WATER SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE VARIOUS  
PARISHES

PARISH	TOTAL NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN (CHEM. & BACTERIOLOGICAL)	TOTAL NO. SATISFACT.	TOTAL NO. UN- SATISFACT.
Bishopstone	5	4	1
Blunsdon	2	-	2
Castle Eaton	15	7	8
Chiseldon	14	9	5
Haydon Wick	1	-	1
Highworth	2	2	-
Liddington	3	2	1
Wanborough	26	2	24
Wroughton	2	2	-
TOTAL:-	70	28	42

SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological exam.	6
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results ....	-
No. of samples submitted for chemical analysis...	3
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results ....	-
No. of samples submitted for fluoride test ....	2

The following are the five certificates of analysis of samples taken, and shown on the above Table:-

Latton Public Supply

Appearance Clear water white bright liquid. No sediment. Odourless, leaves a slight irony taste in the mouth.

Reaction pH 7.4

	Parts per Million
Free Carbon Dioxide .....	29
Ammonia (as N)	
Free .....	0.03
Albuminoid .....	0.02
Chlorine (as Chlorides).....	28.5
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	47
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours)	0.24
Nitrogen in Nitrite .....	0.07
Nitrogen in Nitrate .....	1.6
Total solids .....	417
Loss on ignition .....	19
Appearance on ignition .....	Very slight charring
Hardness: Temporary .....	225
Permanent .....	59
Total:- .....	284

Lead and Copper - Not detected

Iron ..... 0.31



Ogbourne Public Supply

<u>Appearance</u>	Water white clear bright liquid, no sediment. Odourless.	
<u>Reaction</u>	pH 7.0	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Free Chlorine.....	....	Very slight trace
Free Carbon Dioxide CO <sub>2</sub>	....	52
Ammonia(as N)		
Free	....	0.02
Albuminoid	....	0.02
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	....	15
equivalent to Sodium Chloride		25
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours)		0.06
Nitrogen in Nitrite	....	Very slight trace
Nitrogen in Nitrate	....	5.0
Total solids	....	458
Loss on ignition	....	52
Appearance on ignition	....	Slight charring
Hardness: Temporary	....	282
Permanent	....	28
Total:-	....	<u>310</u>
Lead - not detected, less than		0.1
Copper - faint trace, less than		0.1
Fluorine F	....	0.15

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Hodson Private Supply

<u>Appearance</u>	Water white clear bright liquid. No sediment. Odourless	
<u>Reaction</u>	pH 7.3	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Free Chlorine	....	Faint trace
Free Carbon Dioxide CO <sub>2</sub>	....	40
Ammonia (as N)		
Free	....	0.02
Albuminoid	....	0.03
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	....	18.5
equivalent to Sodium Chloride		30.5
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours)		0.12
Nitrogen in Nitrite	....	Very slight trace
Nitrogen in Nitrate	....	3
Total solids	....	478
Loss on ignition	....	39
Appearance on ignition	....	Very slight charring
Hardness - Temporary	....	298
Permanent	....	37
Total:-	....	<u>335</u>
Lead and copper - not detected less than		0.1
Fluorine F	....	0.18

Ashton Keynes Public Supply  
Supplying the parish of Castle Eaton

<u>Appearance</u>	Water white liquid, bright. No sediment. Odourless	
<u>Reaction</u>	pH 7.3	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Free Carbon Dioxide CO <sub>2</sub>	....	27
Ammonia (as N)	....	.
Free	....	0.01
Albuminoid	....	0.01
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	....	16
equivalent to Sodium Chloride		26
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours)	....	0.03
Nitrogen in Nitrite	....	Minute trace
Nitrogen in Nitrate	....	1.3
Total solids	....	363
Loss on ignition	....	38
Appearance on ignition	....	No charring
Hardness:	Temporary	218
	Permanent	62
	Total:-	280
Lead and Copper - not detected, less than 0.1		
Fluorine F	....	0.39

Bishopstone Private Supply

<u>Appearance</u>	Water white liquid. No sediment. Odourless	
<u>Reaction</u>	pH 7.3	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Free Carbon Dioxide CO <sub>2</sub>	....	24
Ammonia(as N)		
Free	....	.01
Albuminoid	....	.02
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	....	10.5
equivalent to Sodium Chloride		17.5
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours)	....	0.06
Nitrogen in Nitrite	....	Very slight trace
Nitrogen in Nitrate	....	4.0
Total solids	....	366
Loss on ignition	....	39
Appearance on ignition	....	Slight charring
Hardness:	Temporary	210
	Permanent	66
	Total:-	276
Lead and Copper - not detected, less than 0.1		
Fluorine F	....	0.07

## PRIVATE SUPPLIES

At the end of the year there were still four private estate supplies providing a supply of water for domestic use to houses within the district.

The Parish of Bishopstone continued to be supplied by mains owned by the Church Commissioners. No trouble was experienced and the four samples taken gave satisfactory results.

The second largest supply owned by the Burderop Estates, continued to function satisfactorily. This supply is chlorinated.

Efforts were made during the year, to discontinue the polluted supplies at Foxhill and Salthrop. As will be seen on the following Table the Foxhill supply showed gross pollution. Negotiations were in progress at the end of the year, in an endeavour to link the system with the Swindon Water Board's main supply.

PARISH	TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN	TOTAL NUMBER SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NO. UN- SATISFACT.
BISHOPSTONE Church Commissioners	3	3	-
CHISELDON Burderop Estate Supply	5	4	1
WANBOROUGH Foxhill	25	1	24
TOTAL:-	33	8	25

## SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF PRIVATE SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological exam.	29
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results ....	25
No. of samples submitted for chemical analysis...	2
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results ....	2
No. of samples submitted for fluoride test ....	2

## INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES

PARISH	TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES TAKEN	TOTAL NUMBER SATISFACTORY	TOTAL NUMBER UN- SATISFACTORY
Blunsdon	2	-	2
Chiseldon	4	-	4
Hodson	2	2	-
Liddington	3	2	1
Lushill	13	5	8
Haydon Wick	1	-	1
Hinton	1	-	1
TOTAL:-	26	9	17

## SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES

No. of samples submitted for bacteriological exam.	26
No. of samples giving unsatisfactory results ....	17
No. of samples submitted for chemical analysis...	-

Where individual supplies have been sampled and the resultant samples given an unsatisfactory result, the necessary advice on the boiling of water is given to the tenants, or to the owner/occupier, and in all cases request is made for the owners to provide a mains supply or to provide the house with a wholesome water supply, and I am pleased to report that due to the action taken where it is possible to do so, a wholesome supply has been provided.

## SUMMARY OF ALL SAMPLING

Total number of samples submitted for bacteriological examination from public, private and individual supplies	61
Total number of samples submitted for chemical analysis from public, private and individual supplies	5
Total number of samples submitted for fluoride test	4
Total number of samples taken:-	70



SECTION TWO:     INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD,  
FOOD PREPARING PREMISES AND FOOD SHOPS

FOOD SHOPS - GENERAL

Again, all the food shops in the area were visited at least once in the year. In the majority of cases an excellent standard was maintained, despite the fact that storage room was an ever present problem in many instances. Minor infringements of the Food Hygiene Regulations were noted, and appropriate action taken.

There was an even greater use of the services of the deep freeze cabinet. On occasions it was noted that although refrigerated goods were rotated adequately, the installation was not defrosted at regular intervals, and often the frost was stained. Advice was given on the correct use of the cabinets, and it was pleasing to note that at least one company was taking active steps to educate their customers in the correct use of the plant by way of a Code of Practice to retailers.

COMMUNAL CATERING PREMISES

There are 29 such premises within the area, including factory canteens, school kitchens, hospitals, hotels, hostels and cafes. Two new factories with catering facilities were established during the year.

All have been subject to inspection and, as usual, the highest standards existed in the modern factory canteens and school kitchens. Conditions in general were satisfactory, but action was necessary in the case of one larger hostel and one roadside cafe for infringements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

BAKEHOUSES

The bakehouses called for more intensive supervision. Five of the ten premises were not maintained in a satisfactory manner, and although a reasonable standard was eventually secured, it was necessary to take proceedings in one case for premises which were structurally defective, dirty, and in which the personal washing facilities were not properly maintained. A conviction was obtained and the occupier fined £50 with 10 gns. costs.

BUTCHERS SHOPS

There has been for some time a trend in the food trade to embrace as wide a variety of commodities as possible. As a result the butcher is tending to lose his individuality. Only one of the ten butchers in the district is engaged in the one time essential part of the trade - slaughtering. The remainder are purely retailers of meat which a few other shopkeepers in the district carry on to a small extent. In addition pre-packing has enabled many other general stores to engage in the sale of meat. The butchers, for their part, have all turned their attention to the sale of general provisions.

Twenty one inspections were made during the year. The general standard is very good and only one minor contravention of the Food Hygiene Regulations was required to be dealt with.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955, SECTION TWO

Two cases were proceeded with in the Magistrates Court against a baker in the parish of Stratton St. Margaret for selling bread containing foreign matter. In the first case the matter complained of was a portion of black greasy substance through several sliced of the loaf, and in the second case a loaf containing a portion of wool fabric. Both cases were taken in the Magistrates Court on the same day, the baker pleaded guilty and as a result was fined £5 in each case, 3 gns. Advocates fees in each case, and £5.15.0d. costs.

In another instance concerning dust on cakes being delivered from a bakers van, although proceedings were not instituted a very strong warning letter was sent to the firm concerned.

## SHOPS ACT 1950

All shops in the district, other than food shops, have been inspected during the year. Satisfactory conditions existed in 35 of the premises but one gentlemens' hairdresser was without sanitary accommodation for the use of the staff.

Application was received for an exemption certificate, and after consideration of the relevant details the Council granted the request.

## LICENSED PREMISES

108 inspections were made of the 60 licensed premises in the area. It is gratifying to report that even more work has been carried out in the year under review. There has been a growing awareness of the need for a well constructed, adequately lighted licensed house, with all modern amenities to ensure that there is also a high standard of hygiene.

The following works were completed in the period:-

1. 10 Licensed houses were completely modernised
2. 5 Licensed houses were completely redecorated
3. In 1 Licensed premise the whole roof had been removed and redecoration commenced but not completed at the end of the year.
4. 1 Licensed premise was demolished and a new premise built.
5. Proposals discussed for the modernisation of two licensed houses and for the erection of a new sanitary accommodation block.
6. Plans were submitted for the modernisation of one licensed club.
7. 4 Notices of work required and served in 1961 were completed at the beginning of the year.

Twelve letters were also sent to Brewery Companies requesting general items of work to be done. In all cases the works were completed. One firm also built a large new bottle store in the parish of Stratton St. Margaret.

My appreciation is expressed to the Brewery Companies and to the tenants and managers of their licensed houses without whose co-operation the work could not have proceeded as well as it did.

NUMBER OF PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER THE PROVISIONS  
OF SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1955

Number of premises used for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food	....	....	13
Number of premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream	....		-
Number of premises registered for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream	....	....	83
TOTAL number of premises registered	....		<u>96</u>

PREPARATION AND SALE OF ICE-CREAM

There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the area but 83 premises were registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream.

The following Table shows the results of the methylene blue gradings :-

Grade 1	=	13
Grade 2	=	1
Grade 3	=	-

No comment is needed on the continued high standard.

FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT

The following Table gives the details of the many and varied types of food premises in each parish in the Council's area.

At the end of the year there were 328 food premises which required inspection under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 and the Food Hygiene Regulations 1960. Once more there is a numerical increase over the previous year.

In addition a block of shops was in course of erection on a new estate in the parish of Stratton St. Margaret.

337 inspections were made of the above premises during the year.



# DETAILS OF FOOD PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960

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### SECTION THREE:

#### MILK SUPPLIES

##### MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS 1960

##### MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1959

In addition to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Regulations the Department continued to be responsible for duties under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations by virtue of delegated powers by the Wiltshire County Council.

The only premises in the district which fulfil the popular conception of a dairy are those registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food. Those over which this Authority has jurisdiction are "dairies" by definition only and are in fact only used for the temporary storage of bottled milk prior to retail distribution. Thirty one inspections were made during the year. All were found satisfactory.

The sampling of designated milks has been carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the County Council. These, briefly, require every type of milk sold by a retailer to be sampled once a month, with the exception of heat treated milks from processing plants within the county, which are sampled quarterly.

314 samples were taken, and the results of the applied tests are given below. The only unsatisfactory results were methylene blue test failures. Both raw and heat-treated milks were involved, but for the most part these were isolated cases. Investigations were carried out where necessary and included, on occasions, the co-operation of other licensing authorities. The more persistent failures were successfully dealt with.

No. of distributors registered in the district	25
No. of producer/retailers in the district	
registered as dairy farmers by the Ministry	
of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	4
No. of dairies registered in the district	7
No. of dealers' licenses	31
No. of producer/retailers licences granted by	
the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food	4

# DETAILS OF SAMPLING DURING 1962

## 1. Tuberculin Tested Milk

METHYLENE BLUE TEST				BRUCELLA RING TEST			BIOLOGICAL TEST		
No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void	No. of Samples Taken	Positive	Negative	No. of Samples Taken	Positive	Negative
61	44	11	6	18	*2	16	18	Nil	18

\* Subsequent biological test negative.

## 2. Pasteurised Milk (including Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) )

METHYLENE BLUE TEST				PHOSPHATASE TEST			
No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void	No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed	Void
223	195	24	*4	219	219	Nil	Nil

\* Void samples due to atmospheric shade temperature at Laboratory exceeding 70°f

## 3. Turbidity Test for Sterilised Milk

No. of Samples Taken	Passed	Failed
30	30	Nil

## SECTION FOUR: MEAT INSPECTION

### General

No major problems have been encountered in administration and the three slaughterhouses in the area continue to be maintained and operated in accordance with the 1958 Regulations. After three years of fluctuation and change affecting the two main slaughtering establishments, the volume and nature of meat inspection duties during the current year has been fairly constant. At the steady rate of production maintained, the work of meat inspection and slaughterhouse supervision demands approximately 65% of one inspector's time. As an inspector is specifically appointed for meat inspection duties the remainder of his time is devoted to general food and drugs inspection and sampling.

### Bacon Factory, Stratton St. Margaret

The factory slaughtered 16,405 pigs during the period, a slight increase on last year, but only approximately half the number slaughtered during the years of maximum production 1955 - 1959.

Comparative figures on the incidence of disease over the last four years are, as usual, tabulated below. The fall in cases of generalised tuberculosis has been referred to in previous reports. Only one such case occurred this year. There has been, however, a slight increase in cases of localised tubercular infection of heads and intestines. The figures for diseases other than tuberculosis show little fluctuation at an average of just over 21% requiring the condemnation of some part or organ. If this figure suggests a high proportion of "diseased" animals it should be pointed out that the great majority of condemnations are due to purely local affections of some organ (principally lungs) which have no effect upon the general health of the animals concerned.

### Abattoir, Stratton St. Margaret

The slaughter of cattle has increased to more than double last year's figure. 1,258 cows and 399 "clean" cattle were slaughtered during the period. Pigs, sheep and calves, however, have been limited almost exclusively to casualty animals. Many diseased, ailing and injured animals (principally cows) continue to be received at the premises. Although as regards cattle, they are proportionally lower this year, condemnations are still considerable. Partial condemnation of carcase meat alone amounted to 7½ tons.

The following Table gives an indication of the number of animals slaughtered or condemned :-

	Cows	Other Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	1258	399	50	79	63
Whole carcasses condemned	128	22	31	18	13
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	753	88	6	13	29



THE INCIDENCE OF DISEASE (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TUBERCULOSIS) IN PIGS

SLAUGHTERED AND EXAMINED AT THE ST. MARGARET WILTSHIRE BACON

FACTORY LIMITED. 1959 - 1962

	1959	1960	1961	1962
Number of pigs killed and examined	33,457	22,493	15,446	16,405
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	21	46	46	50
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6,206	4,749	4,153	3,034
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	18.6%	21.3%	27.2%	18.7%
<u>Tuberculosis Only:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	13	6	2	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1,572	1,046	718	860
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.7%	4.2%	4.7%	5.9%

# CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	CATTLE EXCLUDING COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS	HORSES
Number killed	486	1,263	68	467	16,488	-
Number inspected	486	1,263	68	467	16,488	-
<u>All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci :</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	23	128	32	18	63	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	109	754	6	16	3,064	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	27.2%	69.8%	55.9%	7.3%	19%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	861	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	0.08%	-	-	5.2%	-
<u>Cysticercosis :</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

CARCASES AND ORGANS CONDEMNED IN ALL  
SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE DISTRICT

Beasts and all organs	.....	.....	151
Beast carcase meat	.....	.....	16938 lbs.
Beast heads	.....	.....	40
Beast lungs	.....	.....	136
Beast livers	.....	.....	512
Beast part livers...	.....	.....	106
Beast hearts	.....	.....	27
Beast kidneys	.....	.....	66
Beast spleens	.....	.....	2
Sheep and all organs	.....	.....	18
Sheep carcase meat	.....	.....	51 lbs.
Sheep lungs	.....	.....	5
Sheep livers	.....	.....	8
Sheep hearts	.....	.....	1
Pigs and all organs	.....	.....	64
Pig carcase meat	.....	.....	1,601 lbs.
Pig heads	.....	.....	814
Pig plucks	.....	.....	237
Pig livers	.....	.....	668
Pig lungs	.....	.....	1,486
Pig hearts	.....	.....	356
Pig spleens	.....	.....	102
Pig intestines	.....	.....	359
Pig flecks	.....	.....	218
Pig kidneys	.....	.....	225
Pig blood	.....	.....	5 galls.
Calves and all organs	.....	.....	32
Calves lungs	.....	.....	2
Calves livers	.....	.....	1
Calves heart	.....	.....	2
Calves carcase meat	.....	.....	17 lbs.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF UNSOUND  
FOOD

During the year the following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption.

Surrender notes were issued to the retailers concerned :-

Corned beef	.....	.....	30 lbs.
Pork luncheon meat	.....	.....	2 lbs.
Pork	.....	.....	12 lbs.
Gelantine	.....	.....	36 lbs.
Tenderloin	.....	.....	7 lbs.
Tomatoes	.....	.....	6 lbs.
Canned Apples	.....	.....	6 lbs.



SECTION FIVE: FACTORIES ACTS 1961

List of Factories in the District

Aero manufacturers and repairs	....	1
Agricultural crop driers	....	1
Animal residuals	....	1
Bakers and confectioners	....	10
Brewing and mineral waters	....	2
Brickmaking	....	1
Blacksmiths	....	2
Boot and shoe repairs	....	2
Cabinet making and carpentry	....	2
Concrete and concrete block manufacture		2
Electronics	....	2
Electro-plating	....	1
Engineers, including repairs to motor vehicles and motor cycles	....	27
Export packing	....	1
Firewood merchants	....	1
Food canning	....	1
Gut scraping	....	1
Joinery, wheelwrights, undertakers and woodworkers	....	10
Laundry	....	1
Mat and rug manufacturers	....	1
Metal sorting	....	2
Motor body and caravan builders	....	2
Pig food processing	....	1
Plant hire	....	1
Record player manufacturers	....	1
Radio and television repairs	....	1
Saddlers and Farriers	....	2
Sausage manufacturers	....	7
Saw mills	....	1
Slaughterhouse with allied trades...		3
Tailoring	....	1
Wood box manufacturers	....	1
TOTAL:-		93

# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

## 1. Inspections.

	NUMBER ON REGISTER.	INSPECTIONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	8	-	-
Factories not included in above, in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	85	99	12	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	13	15	1	-
TOTAL:-	106	122	13	-

## 2. Cases in which defects were found

FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSPECTOR	REFERRED BY H.M. INSPECTOR	NO. OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
Want of cleanliness, Section 1	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding, Section 2	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature, Section 3	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation, Section 4	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors, Section 6	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences, Section 7:-				
a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	11	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (excluding outworkers)	1	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	13	Nil	Nil	Nil

## OUTWORKERS

Forty-nine persons were notified during the year as engaged in outwork.

On inspection all conditions were found to be satisfactory with eight of those notified having ceased to do outwork.

NATURE OF WORK	NUMBER OF OUTWORKERS	NO. OF CASES IN DEFAULT IN SENDING LISTS TO COUNCIL	NO. OF PROSECU- TIONS FOR FAILURE TO SUPPLY LISTS	NO. OF INSTANCES OF WORK IN UN- WHOLESOME PREMISES	NOTICES SERVED	PROS.
Baby pants	9	-	-	-	-	-
Carpet Binding	1	-	-	-	-	-
Letter Files	27	-	-	-	-	-
Tailoring	12	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	49	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## SECTION SIX: PUBLIC HEALTH GENERAL

### 1. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Bishopstone - A new scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal has been carried out during the year, the new disposal works being put into operation just before the end of the year, and the work of connecting properties to the new system is proceeding. It is anticipated that this work will be completed during 1963.

Castle Eaton - At the beginning of the year the new treatment works were put into operation and during the year all possible properties have been connected to the new sewers. Previous to this scheme being carried out the sewage from this parish discharged into an open ditch with obvious offensive results and dangers.

Highworth - The Council have given their authorisation for a scheme of relaying the sewer in Lechlade Road and Swindon Street, and this will be prepared during the coming year.

Haydon Wick - During the heavy rain fall in the autumn, flooding of a few houses in this parish occurred, and the need for a scheme of enlarging the sewers in the village is being considered.

Wroughton - The scheme for enlarging the treatment works at Wroughton (partly brought about by the increase of development in the parish, and partly due to the increased flow from the properties due to modernisation) has been approved by the Ministry of Housing & Local Government, and although work was commenced the Contractor was unable to proceed due to the extreme weather conditions of snow and frost at the end of the year,

Wanborough - A scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal for this parish has been proposed and submitted to the Ministry of Housing & Local Government and approval is awaited. This scheme is one of urgency due to the present unsatisfactory drainage arrangements, i.e. to open ditches, cesspools and septic tanks. The efficient working of these septic tanks is greatly impaired by the heavy clay nature of the sub soil and consequent absence of proper soakage of effluent.

### 2. DRAINAGE

The work of ensuring proper drainage facilities to existing properties continues, and gives cause for satisfaction as will be seen from the accompanying Table.

A further survey was carried out during the year of properties where the Housing Category, drainage or water supply were in doubt, and as a result records were brought up to date by a card index system, and action is going ahead in all cases where required.

# DRAINAGE

	NUMBER OF HOUSES IN 1962	N U M B E R   O F   H O U S E S					PERCENT- AGE
		ON PUBLIC SEWER	PERCENT- AGE	SEPTIC TANK OR CESSPOOL	PERCENT- AGE	NO PROPER DRAINAGE	
Bishopstone	191	20	10.4	128	67.1	43	22.5
Blunsdon	402	315	78.4	46	11.4	41	10.2
Castle Eaton	75	44	58.7	26	34.7	5	6.6
Chiseldon	664	579	87.2	54	8.2	31	4.6
Hannington	70	25	35.7	34	48.6	11	15.7
Haydon Wick	175	161	92.0	10	5.7	4	2.3
Highworth	1231	1140	92.6	76	6.2	15	1.2
Inglesham	43	-	-	38	88.4	5	11.6
Liddington	129	28	21.7	76	58.9	25	19.4
South Marston	166	69	41.6	64	38.5	33	19.9
Stanton Fitzwarren	68	67	98.5	1	1.5	-	-
Stratton St. Margaret	3762	3739	99.4	23	0.6	-	-
Wanborough	325	37	11.4	219	67.4	69	21.2
Wroughton	1321	1232	93.4	47	3.4	42	3.2
TOTAL:-	8622	7456	86.5	842	9.9	324	3.6
1961 FIGURES:-	8240	7129	86.5	767	9.25	345	4.25



### 3. CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

During the year one of the Discontinuance Orders made and confirmed in 1961 became effective and the site referred to was cleared of caravans. The other two Discontinuance Orders made become effective in 1963 and 1966 respectively. A site of seven caravans was also cleared on the expiration of temporary planning permission.

One application for the extension of an existing site in Wroughton was refused Planning Permission.

An application to increase a site at Blunsdon from 60 to 100 caravans was approved.

Apart from a tendency towards an increase in individually sited caravans used as dwellings in connection with agriculture, there has been little change in the number of caravans in the District. The number of individually sited caravans increased from 13 to 18 including one subject to a confirmed Discontinuance Order, and the number on the multiple sites from 163 to 170. This includes however 11 caravans which are subject to a confirmed Discontinuance Order and 7 which are to be removed by 31 March 1963, so that the number will decrease.

The number of multiple sites is now down to 10 made up as follows :-

One site of 100 caravans (76 at present)

One site of 25 caravans .

One site of 18 caravans

One site of 16 caravans

One site of 11 caravans (subject of Discontinuance Order)

Two sites of 5 caravans

Two sites of two caravans

One site of 1 permanent and 2 seasonal pitches.

# SUMMARY OF CARAVANS IN THE DISTRICT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1962

PARISH	CARAVANS ON SITES LICENSED FOR ONE CARAVAN CARAVANS ON SITES LICENSED FOR MORE THAN ONE
Bishopstone	-
Blunsdon	4
Castle Eaton	-
Chiseldon	-
Hannington	-
Haydon Wick	1
Highworth	1
Inglesham	-
Liddington	1
Stanton Fitzwarren	-
South Marston	-
Stratton St. Margaret	3 (b)
Wanborough	4
Wroughton	4
TOTAL:-	18
	170

- (a) Includes 11 on a site which is subject to a confirmed Discontinuance Order
- (b) Includes 1 on a site which is subject to a confirmed Discontinuance Order
- (c) Includes 7 which are to be removed by 31 March 1963

4. COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Council's area.

5. AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

Further visits were made under this Act in order to clear those premises outstanding from the previous year, and with the exception of one farm in the district satisfactory facilities were provided.

In the latter case negotiations were in progress between the owner and the occupier regarding the provision of the necessary facilities and I hope to be able to report later that the work has been completed.

6. OFFENSIVE TRADES

a) Marshgate Works, Stratton Road, Stratton St. Margaret

This business, which has a very large throughput, dealing with animal by-products has been conducted very satisfactorily during the year, and I am pleased to report that no complaint of offensive smell has been received regarding these works.

Major improvements and additions to the plant are taking place, and it is hoped that by the end of 1963 these will be completed.

During the year the solid fuel furnaces were replaced by oil fired furnaces, and there was a marked reduction in the amount of smoke being emitted from the factory chimney.

b) Gut Scraping Premises, off Swindon Road, Wroughton

This Plant, which is situated in a very isolated position, was very little used during the year, and no nuisance was noted.

## SECTION SEVEN: REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

### General

The number of new houses in the district continues to increase rapidly, with the resultant extra demand for refuse collection. This collection has been maintained on a weekly basis from the kerbside, although the labour position is still very difficult in this area of practically full employment. The turnover in staff is well over 200%.

### Vehicles

1 Dennis side loader	
10 cubic yard, petrol.	Acquired 7.9.48
1 Dennis Side Loader	
12 cubic yard, petrol	Acquired 31.5.51
1 Dennis Paxit	
18 cubic yard, diesel.	Acquired 24.8.53
	(in service until 9.7.62)
1 Shelvoke & Drewry	
18 cubic yard, diesel	Acquired 21.10.58
1 Shelvoke & Drewry	
18 cubic yard, diesel	Acquired January 1962
1 Shelvoke & Drewry	
18 cubic yard, diesel	Acquired May 1960

### Vehicle - Refuse Disposal

1 Massey-Ferguson, 35 Tractor, Acquired May 1960.

As the result of a fire which started in the body of the vehicle, while standing at the Refuse Tip awaiting off-loading, the Dennis Paxit lorry was completely destroyed. It was necessary, therefore, to put into service the small 10 cubic yard side loader normally kept as a spare vehicle to replace during breakdowns. The normal service was not seriously interrupted and we were fortunate in being able to take delivery of a new 18 cubic yard Shelvoke & Drewry lorry during October.

### Disposal

Further modification was made to the steel wheels on the rear of the Massey-Ferguson tractor by fitting extra width and steel bars to give extra traction to the wheels. This modification has been very successful, and these wheels will be fitted to any replacement vehicle when required.

### Refuse Tip

During the year the pond at the western extremity of the Tip was infilled and despite filling into water no nuisance from smell was experienced.

### Staff

1 Foreman	4 Drivers	1 Spare Driver
12 Loaders		1 Tractor Driver



## Statistical Details

Number of premises from which collection is made	.....	.....	9,022
Area of district..	.....	.....	48,549 acres
Method of collection	.....	Weekly, kerbside.	
Method of disposal	.....	Controlled Tip at North Wroughton.	

## Waste Paper Collection & Disposal

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.	£	s.	d.
1961	37	1	1	22	161.	6.	2.
1962	27	2	1	0	75.	19.	11.

## DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

The number of licensed swill boiling plants was reduced by one during the year, the number now licensed being seven. Eight inspections were made and all the premises were found to be satisfactorily operated.

## RODENT CONTROL

### General

The appointment of a full time Rodent Operator on 1 April 1962 enabled a great deal more work to be done in this direction than hitherto. Instead of being able to deal only with those infestations which were actually complained of, a system of work is now carried out which provides in addition a continuous survey of premises, parish by parish, and a programme of regular visits to bakehouses, food factories, canteens, cooking depots, piggeries, slaughterhouses etc. Monthly visits to all sewage works and weekly visits to the refuse tip are made so that infestations are kept down to an absolute minimum.

Block treatments, where a whole area of property is dealt with at the same time have been carried out systematically, with very beneficial results.

During the year sewer treatments were carried out at Stratton St. Margaret, Chiseldon, Wroughton, Haydon Wick and Castle Eaton. Only slight infestations were found. In Highworth, however, certain parts of the sewer system showed signs of larger infestation. These lengths were treated and surface block treatments of connected properties were carried out at the same time. A second inspection and treatment was carried out later in the year, and it was found that the infestation was virtually nil.

The following pest infestations were also dealt with :-

Bugs	.....	1
Fleas	.....	6
Woodlice	.....	4
Cockroaches	.....	3
Wasps	.....	7
Bees (wild)	.....	5
Ants	.....	13



	LOCAL AUTHORITY	DWELLING HOUSES INCLUDING COUNCIL HOUSES	ALL OTHER INC. BUSINESS PREMISES	TOTAL	AGRICULTURAL
Number of properties in Local Authority's district	25	8,622	422	9,069	265
Number of properties inspected as a result of :-	-	136	25	161	4
Notification	25	336	76	437	5
Survey under the Act	-	3,539	807	4,346	45
Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	115	4,303	928	5,346	73
Total inspections carried out, including re-inspections					
Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by :-					
a) Rats	-	1	2	3	-
Major	-	136	26	162	7
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
b) Mice	-	10	4	14	-
Major					
Minor					
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	53	147	32	232	7
Total treatments carried out, including re-treatments	53	147	32	232	7

SECTION EIGHT: PETROLEUM CONSOLIDATION ACTS, 1928 & 1936

The following particulars give the total quantity of petroleum spirit and the amount of carbide of calcium stored in the district, together with the number of licences issued. Parish details are shown on the accompanying Table.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT

Total quantity licensed for private users	....	36,250 galls.
Total quantity licensed for filling stations...		76,150 galls.

TOTAL QUANTITY STORED	....	....112,400 galls.
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Number of private store licenses....	....	63
Number of filling station licenses..	....	20

TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED	....	83
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CARBIDE OF CALCIUM.

1 private user	....	Highworth	....	112 lb.
1 private user	....	Chiseldon	....	2,240 lb.
1 factory user	....	Stratton	....	89,600 lb.
				91,952 lb.

Total number of inspections during the year = 120

Routine inspections have continued, with the testing of new and old tanks, and the supervision of new installations. Seven new licences were issued, two of which were the result of a report by the Inspector who noticed unlicensed private stores while on a survey of the area. One of these installations had been installed incorrectly, and the tank did not withstand the pressure test. The new store was satisfactorily completed and duly licenced.

At an airfield the bowsers were found to be inadequately flame proofed, and the firm agreed to dispense with them. Due to the small amount of fuel used for aircraft a special brick store was constructed containing barrels of petroleum spirit. A new store was also built to contain an increased quantity of petroleum spirit mixtures in cans.

Official application was received from a large delivery firm to deliver automobile fuels to two service stations after sunset.

I was not able to accede to the request due to the fact that the lighting was insufficient to read the dipsticks of the tanker and the underground tank.

I have been in contact with the firm concerned, and hope to report that additional, adequate lighting has been provided.

NUMBER OF LICENCES ISSUED

PARISH	NUMBER OF LICENCES		QUANTITY STORED IN GALLONS		TOTAL STORED IN GALLONS
	FILLING STATIONS	PRIVATE STORES	FILLING STATIONS	PRIVATE STORES	
Bishopstone	-	7	-	2,050	2,050
Blunsdon	1	3	7,000	550	7,550
Castle Eaton	-	3	-	1,250	1,250
Chiseldon	3	7	10,500	2,200	12,700
Haydon Wick	-	1	-	250	250
Highworth	4	7	15,000	1,850	16,850
Liddington	-	1	-	250	250
South Marston	1	3	6,000	5,400	11,400
Stanton Fitzwarren	-	1	-	250	250
Stratton St. Margaret	8	16	24,150	16,750	40,900
Wanborough	1	7	1,500	2,000	3,500
Wroughton	2	7	12,000	3,450	15,450
TOTAL:-	20	63	76,150	36,250	112,400

## SECTION NINE:

## HOUSING

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR 1962

1.	Total number of permanent dwellings in district at end of year .....	8254
2.	Total number of houses owned or administered by Council at 31.12.62. ....	2104
3a.	Number of permanent dwellings in district owned by Local Authority .....	1736
b.	Number of temporary dwellings in district owned by Local Authority .....	368
4.	Total number of pre-war houses owned by Council	502
5.	Number of applications for Council houses at end of year .....	326
6.	<u>Inspection of dwellings during year</u>	
a.	Inspected for housing defects under Public Health Acts and Housing Acts.....	756
b.	Number of dwellings so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation .....	14
c.	Number of dwellings found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation .....	53
7.	Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action .....	47
8.	<u>Action under Statutory Powers</u>	
A.	<u>Proceedings Under Secs.9,10 &amp; 12 Housing Act 1957</u>	
i.	Number of dwellings where Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	-
ii.	Number of dwellings rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:	
	By owners .....	-
	By Local Authority in default of owners .....	-
B.	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts:</u>	
i.	Number of dwellings where Formal Notices served	1
ii.	Number of dwellings made fit as a result of Formal Notices:	
	By owners .....	1
	By Local Authority in default of owners .....	-
C.	<u>Proceedings under Section 16, Housing Act 1957:</u>	
i.	Number of Demolition Orders made .....	7
ii.	Number of houses demolished as a result of Demolition Orders .....	18
iii.	Number of Undertakings accepted. ....	6
iv.	Number of Undertakings completed .....	7
D.	<u>Proceedings under Secs. 42,43,46 &amp; 48 Housing Act 1957:</u>	
i.	Number of houses in clearance areas upon which Demolition Orders were made .....	-
ii.	Number of houses demolished as result of Demolition Orders .....	-
iii.	Number of houses in clearance areas which have been retained as temporary accommodation .....	-
E.	<u>Proceedings under Secs. 17, 18 &amp; 27 Housing Act, 1957</u>	
i.	No. of dwellings where Closing Orders were made	1
ii.	No. of dwellings closed as result of Closing Orders or Undertakings by owners .....	7
iii.	No. of dwellings where Closing Orders were cancelled in consequence of premises being made fit .....	1
F.	<u>Proceedings under Sec. 76 of Housing Act 1957:</u>	
i.	No. of cases of overcrowding at end of year	-
ii.	No. of cases of overcrowding discovered during year .....	-
iii.	No. of cases of overcrowding abated during the year .....	-



SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS  
1936 - 1957 - FROM 1945 - 1962

Number of Demolition Orders made	....	178
Number of Closing Orders made	....	18
Number of Undertakings accepted	....	99
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Total:-		295
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Number of houses demolished	....	142
Number of Closing Orders lifted	....	8
Number of Undertakings cleared	....	60
Number of Demolition Orders revoked...		4
Number licensed for temporary occupation		5
Number rendered uninhabitable and adapted for use as Agricultural Stores	....	9
Number on which action is pending	....	65
Number of Closing Orders replaced by Demolition Orders	....	2
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Total:-		295
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DURING THE YEAR 1962

Number of Demolition Orders made	....	7
Number of Closing Orders made	....	1
Number of Undertakings accepted	....	6
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Total:-		14
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Number of houses demolished	....	18
Number of Closing Orders lifted	....	1
Number of Undertakings cleared	....	7
Number of Demolition Orders revoked...		-
Number of Closing Orders replaced by Demolition Orders	....	2
Number licensed for temporary occupation		-
Number rendered uninhabitable and adapted for use as agricultural stores	....	-
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Total:-		28
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LOCAL AUTHORITY TEMPORARY DWELLINGS DEALT WITH

Closed or Demolished	....	....	10
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## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

### Survey

On the 2 August 1962 the Minister of Housing and Local Government sent Circular 42/62 to Local Authorities. He appealed for a determined and sustained effort to increase the number of houses that had been improved with the aid of a Council grant. The Minister recommended that Authorities commence a survey of streets or of an area in which a selection of houses could be provided with modern amenities.

The Council endorsed the idea and a survey was commenced in this area in the parish of Stratton St. Margaret, and included the following streets :-

<u>Area 1</u>	<u>Area 2</u>
Beechcroft Road	West End Road
Dores Road	Church Way
Green Road	Church Street
St. Philips Road	Highworth Road
Hyde Road	
Kingsdown Road	
Cricklade Road	

The properties inspected were from 60 to 200 years old, but the majority were approximately 70 to 90 years of age. Most of the houses had a sound structure but lacked modern amenities. Full details of the Improvement Grant scheme were presented verbally to the occupier of each house, with particular emphasis on the benefits of the Standard Grant. Where any interest was demonstrated, the leaflet "Improve your House with a Grant" was left with the owner. It was emphasised that the Council would be prepared, in necessitous cases, to grant loans to cover the additional cost of the work above the sum allowed on the grant. The survey had not been completed at the end of December, but preliminary results were as tabulated below :-

Houses having all facilities	....	....	141
Houses lacking in one or more of the facilities and suitable for possible action	....	....	116
Houses in which owners stated that they could not afford improvements (not included in above total) (70 old age pensioners and 3 others)	....	....	73
Houses in which works were in progress, or were proposed, to provide facilities	....	....	7
Houses still to be visited	....	....	59
Total:-	....	....	<hr/> 396 <hr/>

Letters were received which showed a positive interest in the improvement of eight houses, four of which were tenanted. A number of people expressed a hope to be able to take advantage of the scheme. It must be admitted, however, that the majority of persons interviewed expressed no desire to use an Improvement Grant. It is hoped that by the time of the publication of the next report the position will have changed. The Minister does not contemplate the use of compulsory powers to enforce the scheme, at present, and it is hoped that many more owners will yet come forward.

Standard Improvement Grants

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Grants</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u> <u>Paid</u> £
1959	2	148
1960	39	3,123
1961	34	2,778
1962	61	5,661
Total:-	<u>136</u>	<u>£11,710</u>

Standard Improvement Grants Completed from 1959-1962

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u> <u>Completed</u>	<u>Grant Allowed</u> £
Bishopstone	4	309
Blunsdon	7	815
Castle Eaton	2	310
Chiseldon	14	966
Hannington	7	831
Haydon Wick	3	455
Highworth	11	1,131
Inglesham	-	-
Liddington	-	-
South Marston	3	301
Stratton St. Margaret	51	3,459
Stanton Fitzwarren	-	-
Wanborough	9	667
Wroughton	25	2,466
	<u>136</u>	<u>£11,710</u>

Number of Discretionary Improvement Grants completed during 1962	....	26
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The Total Value of Discretionary Improvement Grants Completed during 1962

<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Improvement Cost</u>	<u>Repairs Cost</u>	<u>Grant Allowed</u>
£21,568	£17,104	£4,464	£7,782

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS COMPLETED FROM 1949 - 1962

Parish	Number of Houses Completed	Total Cost £	Improvement Cost £	Repairs Cost £	Grant allowed £
Bishopstone	17	12,046	9,606	2,437	4,377
Blunsdon	20	20,823	15,176	5,654	5,630
Castle Eaton	15	12,491	10,170	2,321	4,783
Chiseldon	24	20,655	14,109	6,538	6,854
Hannington	3	3,354	2,824	530	1,182
Haydon Wick	4	2,032	1,844	188	921
Highworth	41	34,754	28,461	6,293	12,927
Inglesham	13	9,440	7,896	1,475	3,945
Liddington	3	1,948	1,786	165	893
South Marston	7	5,363	4,406	957	2,155
Stanton Fitzwarren	7	6,448	5,222	1,226	2,124
Stratton St. Margaret	24	15,975	12,715	3,239	5,261
Wanborough	13	12,775	9,691	3,084	4,102
Wroughton	49	24,462	21,169	3,202	9,767
<b>TOTAL:-</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>182,566</b>	<b>145,165</b>	<b>37,309</b>	<b>64,921</b>

## GENERAL

### PROVISION OF COUNCIL HOUSES

During the year the properties provided by the Council increased by 40 (4 houses and 36 aged persons bungalows).

This emphasis on aged persons bungalow accommodation follows the current national trend of authorities which have no special re-development or slum clearance programmes. The reason being two-fold; firstly the increase in the number of applicants for aged persons accommodation, and secondly a policy of encouraging aged tenants of under-occupied dwellings to move into new accommodation more suitable to their requirements. This policy enables a family from the housing waiting list to be provided with housing accommodation without expending capital money in the provision of the house.

In carrying out this policy it is, of course, necessary to have the full support and understanding of the various Tenancy Selection Sub-Committees who are responsible for the allocation of properties. These Sub-Committees have always assisted where possible in this endeavour to satisfy the requirements of more than one applicant by the provision of aged persons bungalows.

As the problems of longevity grow, the scope for aged persons housing also widens and the Council did, during the year, approve tenders for an aged persons Warden Scheme in the parish of Stratton St. Margaret. This scheme will provide 20 units of accommodation with communal lounge and laundry, full central heating, the whole to be supervised by a warden living in a flat which is integral within the building, it is hoped that the Warden Scheme will be completed early in 1963.



Another problem which had to be dealt with during the year was that of the replacement of the bungalows at Stratton St. Margaret which were built originally by the Ministry of Aircraft Production in 1941/2, and purchased by the Council in 1949. These bungalows have deteriorated badly over the last few years, and a comprehensive report was presented to the Council who, after discussion with the appropriate Officers and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, resolved to go ahead with clearance. This work will proceed during the next year although individual bungalows have already been demolished.

The improvement of Pre-war Council properties also proceeded, albeit slowly, and it may be that rethinking should take place on this sphere of housing activity. The complete improvement of Pre-war Council houses by the provision of a hot water supply, wash-hand basin, indoor W.C. and the added work involved in redesign of the kitchen/bathroom area, should proceed as speedily as possible.

The housing application list remains as a fairly accurate picture of the housing need in the District, because it is renewed annually and therefore no deferred applications are included to give a falsely inflated figure.

All Local Authorities have to meet various individual rehousing problems, and in a Rural District this type of problem is usually connected with "tied cottages" and the eviction of a family no longer able or desirous of following employment in agriculture. These cases can be in an isolated village a cause of embarrassment to the Local Authority, whereas in an urbanised area they often go unnoticed.

During the year this Authority had 16 of these cases to deal with, and it was possible to offer accommodation to 13 of these families.



TYPES OF HOUSES OWNED BY THE  
HIGHWORTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL AS AT THE  
31 DECEMBER 1962

Traditional

Post-war aged persons bungalows	....	....	37	
Pre-war houses	....	....	475	
Pre-war Aged Persons bungalows	....	....	27	
War-time agricultural houses	....	....	8	
Post-war houses	....	....	222	
Post-war flats	....	....	44	
Experimental houses (Chick)	....	....	6	
Gregory flats	....	....	8	
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NON-TRADITIONAL

Reema aged persons bungalows	....	....	83	
Reema houses	....	....	363	
Reema flats	....	....	35	
Woolaway houses	....	....	76	
Cornish Unit houses	....	....	120	
Cornish Unit flats	....	....	48	
Airey houses	....	....	156	
Swedish timber houses	....	....	8	
Cornish Unit aged persons bungalows		....	4	
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BUNGALOWS ORIGINALLY ERECTED BY THE MINISTRY OF  
AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

.... 368

MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTIES

Staff houses and flats	....	....	10	
Site houses	....	....	6	
			<hr/>	16

GRAND TOTAL:- 

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 2104

HOUSING APPLICANTS - FAMILY DETAILS

Total applicants on "Live" list as at 31 December 1962 = 326

FAMILY DETAILS OF 145 AGED PERSONS BUNGALOW APPLICANTS

Bachelors	Spinsters	Widows	Widowers	Man & Wife	Man, wife & 1 child	Man, wife & 2 children	Mother and 1 child
6	4	47	3	68	11	1	5

FAMILY DETAILS OF 179 HOUSING APPLICANTS

Single	Man & Wife	Man & Wife and 1	Man & Wife and 2	Man & Wife and 3	Man & Wife and 4	Man & Wife and 5	Man & Wife and 8	Mother and 1	Mother and 2	Mother and 3
8	54	56	30	12	10	2	2	1	3	1

Mother and 4	Father and 2
1	1

# POST-WAR HOUSES

# NUMBER COMPLETED YEARLY

YEAR	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	C O U N C I L					TOTAL
		TRADITIONAL		NON-TRADITIONAL			
		FOR INDUSTRY	COUNCIL APPL.	FOR INDUSTRY	COUNCIL APPLIC.		
1946	15	-	6	-	8	29	
1947	13	-	27	-	-	40	
1948	9	-	37	-	46	92	
1949	11	-	8	-	96	115	
1950	9	-	18	-	54	81	
1951	7	2	19	16	66	110	
1952	23	5	17	34	71	150	
1953	31	7	23	41	120	222	
1954	97	12	16	52	16	193	
1955	107	3	13	36	1	160	
1956	98	31	41	56	66	292	
1957	196	8	6	19	5	234	
1958	252	-	-	-	5	257	
1959	339	-	1	-	23	363	
1960	370	-	6	-	30	406	
1961	527	-	1	-	6	534	
1962	397	-	-	-	40	437	
TOTAL:-	2501	68	239	254	653	3715	







